

Bankers of U. S. Optimistic Over Future Outlook

Nothing in Situation to Give Rise to Pessimistic Idea Country Heading for Ruin, Says A. B. A. Head.

By The Associated Press. Los Angeles, Oct. 4.—There is nothing in either the domestic or the foreign situation to give rise to the pessimistic conclusion that the world is sliding straight to ruin, John S. Drum, banker of San Francisco, told the American Bankers' association of which he is president at the opening session here today of its 47th annual convention.

"Rational examination of our condition today," he said, "must prove to the greatest doubter that our problems are but the natural manifestations of a world wide maladjustment that great natural forces are working to remedy."

Reports from more than 1,000 bankers were the basis, he said, of his subject today: "Our Situation Today—A Country-Wide Economic Survey." In part it followed: "The output of finished goods throughout the country is considerably smaller than it was a year ago, and measurably smaller than it was six months ago."

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"Taxation in industrial sections has either increased or remained stationary during the year; in no case is a decrease reported. Wholesale prices of manufactured goods have decreased steadily throughout the year. Retail prices on the whole also have declined steadily, although not in the same proportion as wholesale prices."

"In the great cotton states of the south, in the agricultural states of the middle west and the west, in the western mining and cattle raising states, in the lumber producing regions of the northwest and the southeast, there has been a great reduction in buying power, consequently a slackened demand for natural products and a reduction in their value without a commensurate decrease in the prices of finished goods."

"In the industrial regions there has been a reduction of production consequent upon the reduction in purchasing and reduced buying by producers of natural products at home. This reduction in output of manufactured goods in industrial centers has thrown millions of men out of employment and consequently has operated to reduce further the national buying power. This increased consumption of natural products is provided, increased purchasing by producers of natural products is prevented, increased employment of labor is prevented and the circle revolves."

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Fremont Girl Chosen As Fairest in City



Fremont, Neb., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Miss Gretchen Williams, 17, high school girl and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, was chosen the most beautiful girl in the city and featured in the "Beauty and the Beast" picture taken during the American Legion convention. Glen Coffey, editor of the Mid-West Veteran, Lincoln, was selected the homeliest and shared the picture with her.

Saxton Acquitted On Murder Charge

(Continued From Page One) wearing on the night of the murder. Hoffman? "Why, I guess it was the suit I have on. I haven't many clothes," replied Hoffman. Mrs. Hoffman, called to the stand, declared her husband had gone on a fishing trip the day before the murder, and that he had remained at home the entire night on which the shooting occurred. She denied ever having met Fogg, "to her knowledge."

Stops Questioning. It was Mrs. Fogg herself who put a stop to this line of questioning. She called W. W. Slabaugh, deputy prosecuting attorney, and informed him she had possession of a check given Mr. Fogg by another Mrs. Hoffman, whom she knew. "We'll turn all the evidence over to the state that we have in the matter," said Ray Lones, co-counsel with Organ for Saxton. "They can use it as they see fit."

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Changes in Pending Tax Bill Announced

(Continued From Page One) cent lower than in the present law. The senate committee bill reduces surtax rates on income below \$20,000 by 1 per cent and increases rates on income above \$20,000 by 1 per cent. The proposed amendments contemplate a reduction of 1 per cent in surtax rates on income between \$20,000 and \$66,000. There would be no change in the present normal tax rates.

The present tax on estates reaches a maximum of 25 per cent of the amount by which the net estate exceeds \$10,000. It is proposed that the higher rates of the present graduated scale be increased up to 50 per cent of the amount by which the estate exceeds \$100,000. The pending bill makes no changes in the present estate tax rates. Further revision of the revenue laws within a few months after the enactment of the pending tax bill was predicted today by Senator Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee.

Guide for Ship Masters To Be Issued in Two Weeks Washington, Oct. 4.—The manual, ship sanitation and first aid, knowledge of which is essential to officers, mates, pilots and engineers of the merchant marine can receive original licenses, is expected to be issued in two weeks, it was said today. Supplementing this book of instruction, the secretary of commerce has arranged to give courses on sanitation and first aid at San Francisco, Seattle and various other ports.

Grand Juries to Probe Activities Of K.K.K. in Texas

Denial Is Made That Sheriff At Lorena Attempted to Wrest Flag From Marcher.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 4.—District Judge S. G. Taylor yesterday charged the grand jury of the Forty-fifth district court to make a complete investigation of the Ku Klux Klan and determine whether its purpose and activities in this country are lawful. He cited the laws on white capping, assault and rioting, instructing the jury to return indictments if any violations were found.

Plan General Probe. District Judge Munroe and County Prosecutor Tiry were reticent about their plans, but it was reported that the calling of a grand jury was probable. Those empowered to call the grand jury were said to be awaiting the outcome of the injuries to Sheriff Buchanan, Ed Howard, a local policeman, and Louis Crow, a laundry proprietor, who are the most seriously hurt.

Unofficial investigators have been informed that the people of Lorena profess to have no knowledge of who fired the shots which wounded Sheriff Buchanan and several bystanders. While first reports from persons who were among the witnesses to the clash were to the effect that Sheriff Buchanan attempted to seize the American flag, which the leaders of the parade were bearing, a local newspaper man who accompanied the sheriff to Lorena and who was within six feet of him when he grappled with the leader, said the sheriff was intent only on carrying out his threat to see the Klansmen's faces before they paraded and that he made no attempt to take the colors.

Six Judges in Texas Assail Ku Klux Klan

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 4.—Six district judges in Texas today denounced the Ku Klux Klan. Most of the judges included all other kindred clandestine orders in Texas in their denunciations. The general discussion of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan by the district judges follows closely upon the heels of the clash Saturday night between the sheriff of McLennan county and paraders marching behind the emblem of the Klan at Lorena in which the sheriff and nine other men were wounded.

The judges who attacked the Klan are: Judge Benjamin H. Denton, Paris; Judge James R. Hamilton, Travis county district court, Austin; C. A. McDowell, Beaumont; Silas Hare, Sherman; W. P. Leslie, Sweetwater; and J. R. Warren, Tyler. Mayor U. S. Harrel of Cameron in a proclamation today called upon all law abiding citizens to act as special police to prevent bloodshed and loss of life in prohibiting any parade of the Ku Klux Klan or other masked order.

Iowa Senator Offered Place on Federal Bench

Washington, Oct. 4.—Senator Kenyon of Iowa, republican, is considering an offer of appointment as federal judge for the northern Iowa district, President Harding has let the Iowa senator know he may have the place if he wishes and Mr. Kenyon has not yet determined whether he will take it or remain in the senate. Senator Kenyon is expected to announce his decision tomorrow. He has conferred, it is understood, with Secretary Wallace, also of Iowa, and several colleagues in the senate and house regarding the proffered judgeship. Most of them are said to have urged him to remain in congress and his friends say they believe he is inclined to remain.

House Minority Leader Taken to Sanitarium



Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, minority leader of the house and for many years prominent in that body as majority leader, has been taken to a sanitarium at Albany, N. Y., in a serious physical condition.

Prize of \$100,000 Will Be Offered for Remedy for Cancer

New York, Oct. 4.—A prize of \$100,000 is to go to the discoverer of a medicinal remedy for the relief of cancer, says an announcement published today by the Cosmopolitan Cancer Research Society, Inc., with national headquarters in Brooklyn. The prize is offered by a donor who stipulated that he shall remain unknown until the prize is awarded. Physicians have been seeking a cure for cancer for more than 100 years. One prominent physician said today an award of \$100,000 would be an insignificant price compared with the income a "medicinal remedy" for cancer would yield.

Harding to March At Head of Cortège

(Continued From Page One) Travis, Texas, also wounded overseas and decorated with the distinguished service cross for gallantry. Staff Sergeant James W. Dell, 15th Field artillery, Camp Travis, Texas, a veteran of long service with the guns and cited for a gallantry in France.

Representatives of Navy. From the navy will come: Chief Torpedo Man James Delaney, who was taken prisoner by the Germans when the steamship Campania was sunk by the U-51, but refused any information in the face of repeated threats of death. Chief Water Tender Charles O'Connor of eight years service afloat and awarded a decoration for heroism. Gunner Sergeant Ernest A. Jansen, Marine corps, who fought overseas with the 49th company, Fifth marines, was severely wounded and wears the congressional medal of honor and other decorations for gallantry.

The body will come direct to Washington navy yard from France. The War department has ruled there shall be no other ceremony but the nation's tribute in the nation's capital. The casket will be carried at night to the rotunda of the capitol, to lie in state with a full military guard of honor, November 10, under the great dome. Chief Orders Sleuths to Scatter "Corner Gangs" Under orders from Chief of Police Mike Dempsey, detectives last night attempted an attempt to break up the "street-corner" gangs who have been exploding torpedoes during the last three nights in the residential districts. Police have received numerous complaints from women terrorized by the noise. Mrs. H. L. Hadley, Newton apartments, told police she was afraid to sleep. She stated women living in the apartments near Nineteenth and Jones and Leavenworth streets are closing their windows and pulling down their curtains.

American Legion Is Condemned by Union of Miners

Ex-Service Men's Body Asked To Put House in Order After Alleged Strike Breaking Activities.

Indianapolis, Oct. 4.—Although refusing to condemn the American Legion because of alleged strike-breaking activities of some of its members, the convention of the United Mine Workers of America adopted Monday a resolution committee report calling on legion officials "to put their house in order." The action came after several delegates had appealed vehemently for the convention to go on record in unqualified condemnation of the Legion.

The committee report was among those made on more than 100 resolutions sent to the convention for consideration by local unions throughout the country and which had been before the committee for consideration since the opening of the convention. Most of the resolutions went in the discard. Resolutions Adopted. Aside from the work on resolutions the committee voted overwhelmingly not to change the present system of appointing organizers. Supporters of an election plan complained that the appointive system permitted of conventions to build up a political machine, but no evidence to support this charge was brought up by a committee which held election of organizers was impracticable.

Among the resolutions adopted were those favoring immediate nationalization of coal mines and roads, the repeal of the espionage laws and amnesty for all "political prisoners," and self-determination for Ireland. The convention side-stepped taking a stand on prohibition when the issue was brought up by resolutions favoring light wines and beer. No action was taken on these resolutions. "One Big Union" Rejected. Resolutions regarded by delegates as manifesting radical tendencies, were rejected outright. The idea of "one big union" of workers, the affiliation of the mine workers with the industrial union of trade and industrial unions to develop working class solidarity, and the calling of a convention by American trade unions to form one union, having as its object the abolition of capital and the establishment of a workers' industrial republic in the United States were lost overwhelmingly without discussion. The committee report dealing with the American Legion cited the legion's constitution as proof that world war veterans' organization "shall be a force of law and order," adding that acts of individual members had justly brought condemnation on the legion, and that the tyranny practiced by legion members through force is in direct violation of the federal constitution as well as that of their order.

Call for Action. "We, therefore, call upon the proper officials of the American Legion," said the report, "to put their house in order by adopting some proper and effective punishment of its members who violate its constitution and weaken the force of the legion and tend to bring it into disgrace. The American Legion is organized for a good purpose, but has been used for bad practice and feeling it unwise at this time to condemn or organize the American Legion as an organization until they can have the opportunity to put their house in order." John Wilkinson of Muskogee, Okla., president of the miners' union of that district, in urging favorable action on the report, declared the miners could not put the legion "out of business" by condemning it, and added: "If you want to see them put their house in order, get in there and help them put it right." His statement came after some delegates, who said they were ex-service men, had declared they would not join the legion because they knew of its members acting against strikers.

The resolution favoring immediate nationalization of the mines asked that legislation be presented in congress for the government acquiring title to the coal lands of the country and that in the operation of the mines, the miners have equal representation in deciding working policies. Alligator and snakeskin shoes are being shown in Paris.

Omahans Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lutter, 3604 Monroe street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home recently. The Lutters were married in Virginia in 1871. In 1901 they moved to New York, later coming to Omaha to make their home. They lived in Omaha for 17 years. Mr. Lutter is 78 and his wife is 76. The couple have four children, and 46 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Flat Will Care for Wives, Kiddies and Other House Pets

New York, Oct. 4.—All the conveniences for wives, children, cats, dogs or other household pets is the keynote word in the construction of the apartment house that is to be erected by Mrs. Edgar Saltus, wife of the late well-known novelist, Edgar Saltus, at Giles place, here. Accommodations for the cats and dogs, regardless of whether they are kennel bred and parlor nurtured, or alley bred, and partisans of the ash barrel, will include drinking fountains and ample spaces for basking in the sunlight. The plans, as drawn up and filed with the city building department, do not specify whether special areas and fountains will be designated for canines and felines respectively, to avert strife. Ample spaces within the patio are also set off as open-air play rooms for the children of the neighborhood. Conveniences for the wives who occupy the apartments will include a pergola on the roof.

Priest Freed From Blame in Man's Death

New York, Oct. 4.—Father Kirillo Vairadakis, pastor of the St. Nicholas Greek orthodox church in Cedar street, was cleared of all blame today in connection with the death of Nicholas Varzakakis, following an altercation during the church service on Sunday. The autopsy performed by Dr. Ben Vance at the morgue revealed that heart disease, probably due to over-excitement, was the cause of death. The autopsy showed that Varzakakis' heart was dilated, his lungs congested and his larynx inflamed.

Man Is Sought in Connection With Death of Sister

Cambridge, Mass., Man Object of Search as Woman's Body Is Found in Rooming House.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 4.—Harry Townsend, brother of Margaret Townsend, found gagged and strangled to death in a rooming house in New York last Wednesday night, is sought by the police in connection with his sister's death. He and she were inseparable for years. He employed her as his assistant in his restaurant here. He has been identified as the man who accompanied her to a maternity hospital in Dorchester last July for advice concerning her condition. Immediately afterward Townsend told his family he had obtained employment in New York for his sister as a child's nurse and he left Cambridge July 14. He soon followed. They lived in a West Twenty-second street rooming house as Mr. and Mrs. Fay.

Discrepancies of the police of the two cities say they have discovered in connection with Townsend's supposed identification of his sister's body led to a search for him. According to the police, Townsend claims he went to New York and identified the clothing of the murdered woman as that of his sister, notifying his parents in Cambridge by telephone. Records of the New York police show that Townsend made no application to view either the body or the clothing of his sister, but that identification was made by a married sister living in Brooklyn. Townsend last Wednesday when the body of his sister, strangled to death and stuffed into a small closet, was discovered in New York. Robert Townsend, another brother, will go to New York tomorrow to claim the body.

Accused of Libeling Louisiana Governor

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 4.—Huey P. Long, member of the public service commission from North Louisiana, was arrested in Shreveport, La., today on a warrant issued by the district court of East Baton Rouge, charging him with criminally libeling Gov. John M. Parker. The warrants were based upon two affidavits by the governor and constituted the executive's reply to Long's alleged public assertions that Governor Parker's administration had been dominated and controlled by the Standard Oil company. Long has been paroled to appear in court here tomorrow and answer the charges.

New Organization of Men Who Were in Confab Formed

Denver, Colo., Oct. 4.—A new national organization of ex-service men sprang into existence here today when the Combat Veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces filed articles of incorporation here. Organizations in every state are contemplated, with membership restricted to men who were in actual combat during the world war.

Thompson, Belden & Co. Minerva Yarns. The aristocrats of the art-needlework world for knitting and crocheting. The choice wool used in the making of these yarns give to Minerva a distinct superiority. We have a complete selection of all of the beautiful shades of Minerva yarns. Lessons are without charge! Daily classes, mornings, 10 to 12; afternoons, 2 to 5. Second Floor. Thomson's Glove Fitting Corsets. Style applied to dress is susceptible of various interpretations, whereas a good figure has but a single interpretation—the corset that moulds the shape. Thomson's glove-fitting corsets keep abreast of the changing fashions and combine all corset attributes with a natural grace of style that is most becoming. Second Floor. Fall Frocks and Suits Mean Bloomers. Bloomers are exactly right for today's skirt length and narrowness. A myriad of delightful colors, including many vivid shades, are shown in silk-taffeta, satin, pussy willow, jersey silk, satinette and sateen. Second Floor. October the Month for Tailleurs. Whether one favors the costume tailor of the severely tailored suit, each fashion is here in an abundance of delightful models. Becoming furs, rich embroideries, perfect hand tailoring—these, in addition to distinctive style, are assured the wearers of a Thompson-Belden suit. Priced from \$59.50 Upwards.

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Bandits Rob Ship Board Paymaster of \$10,000 Philadelphia, Oct. 4.—Three armed bandits in a motor car held up James Flynn, a United States shipping board paymaster, near the Hog Island shipyard this afternoon, and robbed him of about \$10,000. They escaped.